

California Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program

Program Guide Fiscal Year 2019-20



In Cooperation with:

**Local Educational Agencies
California Department of Education**

Background

The Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA Program) is authorized under California Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I Code) Section 14132.06, and provides “fee-for-service” reimbursement to LEAs (school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, state special schools, community college districts, and state universities) for health-related services provided by qualified health service practitioners to Medi-Cal eligible students under the age of 22.

Assembly Bill (AB) 3192 (O’Donnell, 2018) amended W&I Code Section 14115.8 to require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), in consultation with the LEA Ad Hoc Workgroup to issue and regularly maintain a Program Guide for the LEA Program. Consistent with the intent of AB 3192, the Program Guide contains fiscal and programmatic compliance information regarding processes, documentation, and guidance necessary for the proper submission of claims and auditing of LEAs, as required under the LEA Program. LEAs are ultimately responsible for administrative functions and should be familiar with the [LEA Program Website](#), department policies, program regulations, and the LEA Program Provider Manual.

The Program Guide includes, but is not limited to: state plan amendments, frequently asked questions, policy and procedure letters, trainings, provider manuals, and other relevant types of instructional materials.

DHCS closely collaborated with the LEA Ad Hoc Workgroup, the California Department of Education (CDE) and other partners in the development of the Program Guide, and will continue to do so for all subsequent revisions. As new program policy is adopted during the course of Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20, the Program Guide will be continually updated. As required by AB 3192, prior to revising to the Program Guide, DHCS will provide 30 calendar days written notification of the revision, including a statement of justification, to the LEA Advisory Workgroup and all other LEAs participating in the LEA Program.

The Program Guide contains a Policy Revision Archive that contains revisions, additions, or deletions to the Program Guide that have occurred during a fiscal year. The archive provides a chronological review of amendments to the LEA Program, which are exhibited in the archive with an effective date of the amendment and reference pages.

Upon close of FY 2019-20, this edition of the Program Guide, containing all policy revisions for the year, will be archived and remain posted on the DHCS website. Subsequently, a new edition of the Program Guide for FY 2020-21 will be posted on the website, and will contain all policy revisions made during that year.